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**SENATE MEMORIAL 40**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**RECOGNIZING THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO OF J. PAUL AND MARY TAYLOR OF MESILLA.**

**WHEREAS, Representative J. Paul Taylor, who traces his New  
Mexican roots to Juan de Vaca, a soldier who came to the region  
with Coronado in 1540, and his wife, Mary Taylor, a writer and  
historian who recently completed a history of Mesilla, have  
been fixtures at legislative sessions since 1987; and**

**WHEREAS, J. Paul and Mary Taylor have long championed the  
causes of schoolchildren, the underserved and those less  
fortunate than the rest of us, by both sponsoring legislative  
initiatives and personally offering less well-publicized acts  
of kindness; and**

**WHEREAS, J. Paul and Mary Taylor, the parents of seven,  
grandparents of seventeen and great-grandparents of one,**

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1 extended their limitless kindness and generosity to each  
2 resident of the state of New Mexico in 2002 by donating their  
3 historic 1850s adobe home on the Mesilla plaza, as well as its  
4 art and artifacts, to the people of the state through the  
5 museum of New Mexico and New Mexico state monuments; and

6 WHEREAS, the Taylors' home, which has been opened to  
7 children for tours in the past, is expected to become a state  
8 monument and will serve as a reminder for all New Mexicans and  
9 for generations of New Mexicans to come of life in New Mexico  
10 today and in the past; and

11 WHEREAS, to open one's doors to others is in itself a  
12 remarkable act of generosity, but to permanently open one's  
13 doors to all is a selfless act rarely seen in today's world;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, J. Paul and Mary Taylor's generous act serves as  
16 an example for all New Mexicans to follow;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
18 OF NEW MEXICO that on behalf of all New Mexicans, J. Paul and  
19 Mary Taylor be recognized for their selfless, utterly personal  
20 and generous gift to the people of the state of New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to J. Paul and Mary Taylor of Mesilla.